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FOLLOWING HAMILTON 428 ACTION SECSTATE DEC 13TH.

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FROM US DEL PRECLERANCE

PASS TO CONGRESSMAN STEED, APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DEPT ALSO PASS AMEMBASSY NASSAU

1. IN NASSAU DECEMBER 10 FOREIGN MINISTER/ATTORNEY

GENERAL ADDERLEY DISCUSSED FOR 3 HOURS PROVISIONS ON

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EXTENDING US PENALTIES FOR ACTS COMMITTED IN PRECLERANCE;

GROUND ON WHICH BAHAMIANS WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO SEARCH

AT BEHEST OF US INSPECTORS AND POSSIBLE BAHAMIAN SANCTIONS

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FOR FALSE DECLARATIONS TO SECURE PRECLERANCE. AT

CONCLUSION HE APPEARED TO HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH FIRST (WITH MINOR ADDITIONAL CLARIFYING LANGUAGE OFFERED BY US DEL); FELT BAHAMIAN LEGISLATION COULD BE ADAPTED QUICKLY WHICH MEET US NEEDS IN RESPECT TO SECOND; HAD SOME DOUBTS ABOUT THIRD. ADDERLEY ALSO PRESSED FOR DETAILS ON BERMUDAN AND CANADIAN PRECLEARANCE DRAFTS; SOME MINOR CHANGES IN THE INITIALED AGREEMENT WERE SUGGESTED TO BRING THE BAHAMIAN AND BERMUDA DRAFTS CLOSER. THE STYLISTIC CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY STATE LEGAL ADVISOR WERE ALSO MENTIONED. ADDERLEY PROMISED TO CONSULT WITH HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES AND GIVE US RESPONSE SOONEST. WE ALSO PROMISED TO CONFIRM AT EARLY DATE ACCEPTABILITY TO US OF REVISED DRAFT. US CHAIRMAN AND GUNNELS (HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF) EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT SIGNATURE TO ENABLE CONSTRUCTION TO GET UNDERWAY WHICH W*ULD PROVIDE FULLY FOR SECURITY OF US PRECLEARANCE

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INSPECTION. GUNNELS ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL VISIT EARLY NEXT YEAR.

2. SINCE NEW DRAFT COULD NOT BE INITIALED IN NASSAU EMBASSY SHOULD IN REPORTING GOB REACTION CABLE FULL TEXT ON WHICH GOB RESPONSE S BASED.

3. US DEL REVIEWED SECURITY OF US INSPECTION AT AIRPORT. SUGGESTED THAT US INSPECTION AGENCIES REQUEST BAHAMIAN AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY GUARD UNTIL COMPLETION OF NEW FACILITY TO CLOSE APPARENT GAP IN SECURITY OF EXISTING STERILE AREA. THERE WAS ALSO DISCUSSION OF EASTERN AIRLINES PLANS TO PUT LOCKHEED 1011 ON ONE FLIGHT AT A PARTICULARLY BUSY HOUR. CUSTOMS WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER IT COULD HANDLE THE RESULTANT LOAD WITH PRESENT PERSONNEL.

4. AT BERMUDA DECEMBER 12 A NEW DRAFT WAS INITIALED (POUCHED EB/OA/AVP) WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR COMPLETION OF INTERIM FACILITY AUGUST 1, 1974 AND PERM*NENT FACILITY FEBRUARY 28, 1977. WOULD ALSO EXTEND PERIOD DURING W*ICH NEITHER PARTY COULD TERMINATE AGREEMENT TO 8 YEARS. H*WEVER IN THIS AND IN*BAHAMIAN DRAFTS DENTICAL LIM*TED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE WAS INSERTED SPECIFYING THAT THESE AGREEMENTS ARE BASED ON THE EXISTANCE OF SUFFICIENTLY SIMILAR LAWS IN TERRITORIES OF THE PARTIES TO ENABLE US INSPECTION AGENCIES TO CARRY OUT THEIR MISSIONS.

5. CONSIDERABLE EFFORT WAS MADE BY US DEL TO ASSIST US

AIRLINES TO CIRCUMSCRIBE THEIR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR NEW FACILITIES RELATED TO PRECLEARANCE. WE POINTED OUT TO GOB THE AIRLINES CONCERN THAT THEY MIGHT BE FORCED TO UNDERWRITE IMPROVEMENTS ALLEGED "TO MEET US GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS" WHICH IN FACT GREATLY EXCEED THE MINIMUM DEMANDS OF US INSPECTION AGENCIES. CHAIRMAN BARRITT BERMUDA DEL FIRST INDICATED THAT THEY DID NOT WISH TO ASSESS THE AIRLINES, SINCE TIEY INTENDED TO MAKE WHATEVER CHANGES WERE REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OWN IDEAS NOT THOSE OF THE AIRLINES. HE WAS UNWILLING HOWEVER TO PUT WHAT HE LATER DESCRIBED AS A "PERSONAL STATEMENT" OF HIS VIEWS IN THE MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION. CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO WORK UP SOME WORDING ON THIS POINT WAS UNPRODUCTIVE. FINALLY IT WAS LEFT FOR BARRITT TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AIRLINES THE NEXT DAY DECEMBER 13.

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6. IN BERMUDA AS IN BAHAMAS US DEL TOGETHER WITH GUNNELS PUSHED FOR EARLY SIGNATURE TO GET WORK UNDERWAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE FACILITIES NEEDED BY US INSPECTION AGENCIES. IN THIS WE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS BEFORE PROJECTED CONGRESSIONAL VISIT TO PRECLEARANCE POINTS EARLY NEXT YEAR. WHILE THERE WAS NO OBVIOUS UNWILLINGNESS OF EITHER GOVERNMENT TO MOVE, PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS APPEARED TO MAKE SIGNATURE UNLIKELY BEFORE END OF YEAR. IN THE VIEW OF THE CHAIRMAN US DEL THESE PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS ARE PROBABLY VALID BUT WHILE THERE IS OBVIOUSLY CONTINUED ENTHUSIASM FOR PRECLEARANCE THERE IS LESS ENTHUSIASM FOR THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO SIGN AGREEMENTS COMMITTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THEMSELVES TO THE EXPENDITURES OF SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF MONEY. IN THIS REGARD POSTS CAN BE HELPFUL IN FOLLOWING UP ON THESE PROCEDURAL STEPS AND REFERRING TO DEPT FOR PROMPT RESOLUTION ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE WHICH MAY BE RAISED.

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